

REMARKS

In this response claims 1 and 4 have been amended and claims 10-19 have been withdrawn. The amendment and/or withdrawal of claims is not to be considered in any way an indication of applicant's position on the merits of the amended, cancelled, and/or withdrawn claims. In the following sections of the Amendment the restriction requirement and election requirement set forth by the Examiner in the March 22, 2005 Office action are addressed.

As a preliminary matter, the claims and the specification have been amended to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors of which applicants are aware. No new matter has been added in these amendments. It is submitted that these amendments should not be objectionable.

The restriction requirement and election requirement are respectfully traversed, and detailed arguments are set forth below.

The Examiner has indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC §121:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to document processing, classified in class 707, subclasses 1-10.
- II. Claims 10-19, drawn to scanning a document, classified in class 358, subclass 403.

A provisional election of claims 1-9 is made with traverse. Claims 10-19 are withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention and these claims have now been withdrawn.

Applicants specifically request reconsideration of this requirement. Applicants respectfully request an acknowledgement the right to petition the Commissioner to review the requirement has been preserved.

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As the application is now in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to pass the application on promptly to issue.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2115 for any additional fees that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,



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